

Reports of Shipping and News of Foreign Trade

Adjust Freights
On Pacific to
Avoid Rate War

Conference Operators Seek
to Avert General Cut by
Other Lines Engaged in
the Intercoastal Service

10 Companies in Trade

Shipping Board Allocates
Vessels to Route Which
Is Already Overtonnaged

Evidence of the difficult situation
prevailing in the intercoastal service
from Atlantic to Pacific ports is fur-
nished by reports from the Pacific
Coast.

Claiming that the continued alloca-
tion of Shipping Board vessels to this
route has caused such a surplus of
cargo space over the cargo available
that profitable trading is impossible,
the Harriman interests have threat-
ened to withdraw from the intercoastal
route conference unless the board re-
vises its tonnage. Withdrawal from
the conference of the American
Hawaiian vessels, it has been pointed
out, would probably be followed by a
general reduction in rates.

According to a statement by the
Seattle Chamber of Commerce, how-
ever, a forerunner of what may be a
general reduction in intercoastal rates
is a forestall rate cutting by non-con-
ference operators who have been an-
nounced by the intercoastal operators' con-
ference. Granite Coast, Inc., has dropped
from \$1 to 90 cents, with the new
rate for pulled wool, scour-
ed, it was stated, would be carried
for \$1 instead of \$1.20, as heretofore,
and grease wool in bags was reduced
to \$1 from \$1.10. Shingles, green or
dry, under the new rate are quoted at
75 cents a hundred, instead of 45
cents a bundle.

Likely to Readjust Rates
"International conference members,"
says the Seattle Chamber of Com-
merce, "state that it is their opinion
that there will not be a wholesale re-
duction in rates immediately, but that
it is likely that individual article will
be subject to readjustment."

Operators are of the opinion that
a reduction in either the Pacific
or the intercoastal rates will have to
be made in view of the cut of 20 per
cent in freight rates on cargo moving
through the Far East to the Gulf and
Atlantic ports, as operators from the
Pacific Coast will be unable to com-
pete with the lines operating from
the Atlantic and Gulf. Local ship-
ping men claim that the increase in
railroad rates in America has been
one of the dominant factors in the
curtailment of trade between the Pa-
cific Coast and the East.

Bringing the number of intercoastal
steamship services making Seattle a
part of ten to ten different lines, the
United States Transport Company, a
New York and Philadelphia concern,
has inaugurated a service between Bos-
ton and the Pacific Coast with calls at
intermediate ports. The first sailing
was made on Feb. 17, from New York for San
Pedro, San Francisco, Vancouver, B. C.,
and Puget Sound ports via the Panama
Canal. This vessel is to be followed
by the sailing from New York on Feb-
ruary 17, of the steamer C. C. Morse.

Intercoastal Lines

The nine other companies operating
in this coast-to-coast service are the
American-Hawaiian Line, operated by
the Harriman interests; the Lucken-
bach Lines, the Atlantic, Gulf and
Pacific, the Robert Dollar Company, the
North Atlantic and Western, the Pa-
cific Caribbean and Gulf, the European
Pacific, the Williams Steamship Com-
pany, the American Mail Line. All ten
concerns have from four to ten vessels
in service and the slump in carrying
trade has had a general effect.

The Williams Steamship Company,
of New York, is opening up a new ser-
vice with the sailing of the steamer
Willard, from Seattle to-morrow for
New York. This company is stated to
have 100,000 tons of coal and steam
and will have two sailing month from
Seattle to ports on the Atlantic Coast.

Seeking to divert transcontinental
freight carrying to Pacific Coast ship-
ping, the General Steamship Corpora-
tion, Seattle to the west coast of
South America, will have its vessels
call at Central American ports in the
fall.

The object is to encourage the
movement of coffee direct from Central
America to the Northwest, rather than to move from Central
America to New York and from there
overland to the Pacific Coast.

The corporation's steamship Derby, due
at Seattle the latter part of this month,

is expected to bring the first consign-
ment of coffee direct by an all-water

Motorship Fleet in Service

Additional efforts to secure Central
and South American trade will be
made by the Pacific Motorship Com-
pany, which will place a fleet of eight
steamship vessels in service on regular
schedules.

The largest and fastest Japanese
passenger liner in the Pacific trade,
the ex-German Cap Finisterre, will ar-
rive at Seattle in April in the service
of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. She

will be able to carry 1,500 passengers
to make the Yokohama run in ten
and one-half days, compared with three
days at the time required by the
ships of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha now

in service. The vessel is said to be
able to maintain a sea speed of twenty
knots.

The same line will place four cargo
vessels on the Puget Sound-North

American route this spring.

Ship Board Asks Coal Bids

73,000 Tons Needed for Its
Vessels on Atlantic Coast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Bids will be
opened February 28, the Shipping Board
announced to-day, for supplying ap-
proximately 732,000 tons of coal for
government owned ships at Atlantic
ports for a year.

For a year, 225,000 tons is required
at Norfolk, 150,000 tons at Philadel-
phia, 150,000 tons at New York, 75,000
tons at Baltimore, 36,000 tons at
Charleston, 30,000 tons at Savannah,
30,000 tons at Boston. The board recently
accepted an offer for furnishing 300,
000 tons at New York for \$7.39 a ton.

New Ocean Rate on Cereals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Establish-
ment of an ocean rate on cereals in
bags similar to the differential on
wheat flour in bag of 5 cents a hun-
dred pounds is the rate for grain is
announced by the Shipping Board. The
new rate applies to barley, corn, can-
nel, corn, rye flour, oats, millet, barley,
oatmeal, pot barley, starch and
flour carried on government ves-
sels from Atlantic and Gulf ports to
foreign ports.

Marine Reports

THE TIDES
High water AM PM
Astoria 8:42 8:55
Governor's Island 8:42 9:05
Hell Gate..... 10:37 10:50

Reports by Wireless

From the U. S. Naval Commu-
nication Station

(Distance is given in miles. Reports are
based at noon and no further specified.)

Arrived Yesterday

Str Porto Rico, Ponce, Feb. 1; Johns, Feb.
2; Str San Juan, Feb. 3; to the New York
& Porto Rico Co.; with pass, mails
and money; Pier 35, Brooklyn.

Str Derecho, Lobos, Dec. 31; to McAl-
lister, More with crude oil; Pier 6, Constable

Str South American (Br), Hafizat, Feb.

Str American Metals Transport Co.

In ballast, 100 tons.

Str Lake Elleray, Arroyo, Jan. 30; San

Juan, Feb. 2, to the Baltimore Steamship

Co.; sugar, 21st inst., Blyden.

Str Morrison, Laredo, Feb. 1; to the

N. Y. & Cuba Mail Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Far East, Callao, Peru, Jan. 1.

Str Canadian Sailor (Br), Novaya, Phil-
adelphia, Feb. 6; H. C. Foister; Thame-

sburg, Pa.

Schooner Georgia D. Jenkins, Jackson-

ville, Fla.

Charon, Jacksonville, Feb. 5; to the

Charleston Steamship Co. with pass,

mails and money; Pier 32, River.

Str Beagle, Roca, Feb. 5; to the

Cambodian Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Lake Superior, Feb. 5; to the

Great Lakes Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Lake Superior, Feb. 5; to the

Clyde Steamship Co. with money; Pier 35,

Portsmouth, N. H.

Str Chickamauga, Havana Jan. 30; to the

New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Co.

with pass, mails and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Seawolf, Cartagena, Jan. 16.

Port Colombia 22; Kingston 23; Santiago

31; to the Caribbean Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Joseph J. Cuneo (Nor) Fort Antonio

Feb. 2; to the Atlantic Fruit Co. with fruit;

Pier 25, Blyden.

Str Goliath (Gir), Brighton Jan. 26; Port

Spain 27; Barbados 28; St. Lucia, Martinique

and Guadalupe 29; Antigua and St. Kitts

30; to the Caribbean Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Lake Superior, Feb. 5; to the

Great Lakes Steamship Co. with

pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Elise III (Nor) Trondheim, Jan. 17;

Curacao 22; Santiago, Jan. 26; Man-

zanilla 31; to the Caribbean S. Co. S.

with pass and money; Pier 18, Blyden.

Str Diamond, Norfolk, Va., to the Old

Spanish Transportation Co. with money; Pier

26, N. R.

Str El Isole, Galveston off Quarantine.

Berth Changes

Vessel Transferred to:

Alquimia..... Pier 34, Blyden

Camaguey..... Pier 35, Blyden

Federal Bremen, San Juan, Pier 35, Blyden

Foot 6th st, N. R.

Denis..... Pier 3, Bush Docks, Blyden

Fuelo..... Pier 1, Bush Docks, Blyden

Gloria..... Pier 34, Blyden

Hector..... Pier 34, Blyden

Horizon..... Pier 34, Blyden